GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6279
ANSWERED ON:12.04.2017
Post Offices in Rented Apartments
Lokhande Shri Sadashiv Kisan

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several post offices are being run in rented premises in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the time by which these offices are likely to function in their own premises;

(b) the number of post offices and sub-post offices that are likely to be set up during the current financial year;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide postal services in each village of the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) the number of residential colonies for postal employees, postal circle-wise; and

(e) whether these colonies are adequate to cater to the demands of the employees and if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Yes, Madam. Several post offices are functioning from rented buildings. The State/UT-wise details of the post offices functioning from rented buildings are enclosed as Annexure A. The shifting of post offices to their own premises is an ongoing activity subject to availability of land and funds.

(b) The Department has planned to open 166 new Branch Post Offices and 80 Sub post offices during the current financial year 2017-18.

(c) Postal services are available all over the country through a network of 1.55 lakhs post offices. Villages not having post offices are served by nearby post offices. In addition, Panchayat Sanchar Sewa Kendra and Franchise outlets are also opened to provide basic postal facilities to Gram Panchayats/villages not having post offices.

(d) & (e) There are 823 residential colonies for postal employees across the country. The Postal Circle-wise details are enclosed as Annexure B. Though, the staff quarters are adequate in most of the Postal Circles, the projects for construction of staff quarters are taken up as a Plan activity subject to fund availability.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 6279
Annexure 'A'
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State/UT Number of Rented buildings
Andhra Pradesh 1311
Telangana 642
Assam 440
Bihar 775
Chhattisgarh 308
Delhi 153
Gujarat 1058
Daman & Diu 2
Dadra & Nagar Haveli 1
Haryana 361
Himachal Pradesh 393
Jharkhand 339
Jammu & Kashmir 202
Karnataka 1267
Kerala 1214
Lakshadweep 1
Madhya Pradesh 811

Maharashtra 1641
Goa 80
Meghalaya 35
Mizoram 23
Manipur 45
Nagaland 26
Arunachal Pradesh 12
Tripura 49
Orissa 1055
Punjab 498
Chandigarh 46
Rajasthan 876
Tamil Nadu 2234
Pondicherry 23
Uttar Pradesh 2056
Uttarakhand 301
West Bengal 1507
Sikkim 17
A&N Islands 17
TOTAL 19819
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ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 6279
Annexure 'B'
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Circles Number of Postal colonies
Andhra Pradesh 36
Telangana 22
Assam 23
Bihar 38
Chhattisgarh 11
Delhi 14
Gujarat 60
Haryana 22
Himachal Pradesh 53
Jharkhand 16
Jammu & Kashmir 9
Karnataka 65
Kerala 22
Madhya Pradesh 53
Maharashtra 54
North East 20
Odisha 60
Punjab 14
Rajasthan 59
Tamil Nadu 46
Uttar Pradesh 62
Uttarakhand 25
West Bengal 39
TOTAL 823
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